

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday April 8th 2001

Silent Key

It is with great regret that we have to report on the death of Fr. Patrick Kelly, EI8CP.

Fr. Paddy died last week after a long illness.

He was parish priest of Moone in County Kildare and he had served previously in Rathnew, County Wicklow and in Brittas Bay.

Fr. Paddy's kind gentle manner was well liked by all his parishioners.

The Amateur Radio community in County Wicklow will miss him.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

Spring Counties Contest

The Spring 2 Metres Counties Contest will be held as usual on Easter Monday, April 16th. However, due to the Foot and Mouth situation, the portable sections are cancelled.

That means that there will only be three sections, high power fixed, low power fixed and the FM section.

Cork Radio Club

The Annual General Meeting of Cork Radio Club was held at Wilton Park House on the 26th of March.

Reports of the successful silver jubilee year were presented. The Club had a busy programme over the year, which included getting the ARRL millennium award as well as many other activities.

Five members are at present preparing to sit their theory exam within the next few months.

As a special recognition for his outstanding contribution to the club since it's

inception, both as a Committee member and class teacher, John O'Sullivan EI3EC was appointed an Honorary Vice President, a richly deserved honour.

The incoming committee are Chairman Finbarr EI1CS, Secretary Pat EI6DTB, Treasurer Dick EI6HH, Operations Manager Jeremy EI5GM, QSL Manager Tony EI9ID, CRC Award Manager Frank EI6EVB and committee members Vincent EI7HN and John EI8HS.

The club's annual Blarney Rally will be held on Sunday Sept 16th.

They look forward to another successful get together on that day.

EI8IC Website

The following NEW contest results have been posted on EI8IC's Contest Website:

All Asian DX Contest 2000 CW, All Asian DX Contest 2000 SSB, CQ WPX Contest 2000 SSB, Islands on the Air 2000

These results, and many more, can be viewed in the 'HF Contesting' section.

The 'Buy and Sell It' section of the website has been doing a brisk trade, with a variety of items from all round the country advertised in the last month. Don't forget that anyone can be informed of the latest postings by simply leaving their email address - visit the Buy-And-Sell-It page for further details.

You will find all this and more at www.qsl.net/ei8ic/

Fingal Radio Club

Last Monday evening Paddy EI6CP brought along a LM 10/13 crystal calibrator from the early part of the twentieth century. This was demonstrated to the assembled members and the output compared with the Club's transceiver. The output was rock solid and steady for a piece of equipment from the second world war era.

The range of the calibrator was 125kHz to 20MHz. Each unit was individually calibrated and numbered in the factory and only operated correctly when the number on the booklet and the chassis of the crystal Calibrator was the same. The original book is still with this unit.

Paddy EI6CP is also working to rebuild an old receiver from the same era. The

receiver is a BC348 which were made during the war years by many different manufacturer's, to supply the needs of the war effort.

We will keep you up to date as progress is made.

In view of the current conditions re Foot and Mouth disease in the UK, the Bus trips to Telford and Llandudno are at present on hold.

The address for e - mail to the club is Fingalradio@Hotmail.com.

Upcoming Contests

To keep you busy over the Easter weekend the Japan International DX CW Contest is on over 48 hours, starting at 2300 on Friday and the Holyland Contest, both CW and SSB, is also on for 24 hours starting at 1800 on Saturday.

In two weeks time the YU DX Contest, both CW and SSB, runs from noon utc on Saturday for 24 hours On Saturday week the 21st, we have a very interesting 4 hour SSB contest, the European Spring Sprint running from 1500utc.

International Space Station Special Event Day

The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station, or ARISS, team has received permission from the ISS controllers to declare next Thursday, April 12th, Cosmonautics Day--a special event day for ham radio on the International Space Station.

Cosmonautics Day will mark the 40th anniversary of the first human space flight by USSR cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the 30th anniversary of Salyut 1--the first space station, and the 20th anniversary of the initial launch of the first reusable space vehicle--the space shuttle.

The following frequencies have been announced for ARISS general QSOs: Voice and packet downlink: 145.800 (worldwide); voice uplink: 144.490 for Regions 2 and 3 (the Americas, and the Pacific); voice uplink: 145.200 for Region 1 (Europe, Central Asia and Africa); packet uplink: 145.990 (worldwide).

Further information at ariss.gsfc.nasa.gov/ .

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